

RURAL DISTRICT OF CHELTENHAM

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1970



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CHELTENHAM RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1970.

To the Chairman and Members of the Cheltenham Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report for 1970 on the health and sanitary circumstances of the Rural District.

As I only took up office on the 1st May, I am indeed indebted to Mr. F. H. Lewis, the Chief Public Health Inspector, for the section of the report contributed by him.

The Registrar-General's estimate of the population 43,090 is 750 more than in the previous year but the growth in population is not quite as large as usual.

The Birth Rate, 13.5 per 1,000 population, continues the decline which has taken place since a peak in 1965 and is similar to the trend in the County and for the country as a whole.

The incidence of notifiable infectious disease was again extremely slight. The high level of immunisation and vaccination needs to be maintained and improvement made in the state of vaccination against measles.

I wish to thank the officers and members of the Council for their co-operation and loyalty since I took office.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. A. KNOX

Medical Officer of Health

CHELTENHAM RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area (in acres)	81,948
Registrar-General's estimate of mid year population (including members of the Armed Forces)	43,090
Number of Inhabited Houses (end of 1970)	13,584
Rateable Value (at 31.12.70)	£1720,867
Sum represented by a penny rate	£ 6,992

VITAL STATISTICS.

These statistics give particulars of the births and deaths in the Rural District.

MOTHERS and INFANTS.

1. LIVE BIRTHS

		<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Number:	Legitimate	549	275	274
	Illegitimate	32	15	17
	TOTAL	581	290	291

Birth Rate per 1,000 of the population	13.5
Area Comparability Factor (Births)	1.02
Local adjusted rate	13.8
Ratio of local adjusted Birth Rate to National Rate	.86

2. ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS (per cent of Total
Live Births)

6%

3. STILL BIRTHS

		<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Number:	Legitimate	3	2	1
	Illegitimate	---	---	---
	TOTAL	3	2	1

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) Births	5
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4. TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS

584

5. INFANT DEATHS

(1) Deaths of infants under 1 year:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Number:	6	4	2
	1	---	1
	7	4	3

(ii) Neo-natal Deaths under 4 weeks

Number:	Legitimate	6	4	2
	Illegitimate	1	---	1
	TOTAL	7	4	3

(iii) Early Neo-Natal Deaths of infants
under 1 week

Number:	Legitimate	6	4	2
	Illegitimate	1	---	1
	TOTAL	7	4	3

VITAL STATISTICS (Continued)

6. INFANT MORTALITY RATES	TOTAL
Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	12
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 Legitimate live births	11
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 Illegitimate live births	31
7. NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)	12
8. EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	12
9. PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE (Still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births)	17
10. MATERNAL MORTALITY (including abortion)	
Number of deaths	None
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	Nil
11. DEATHS	Total Male Female
Number	372 198 174
Death rate per 1,000 of the population	8.6
Area Comparability Factors(Deaths)	1.25
Local adjusted rate	10.8
Ratio of local adjusted death rate to National rate	.92

POPULATION:

The registrar-General's mid-year estimate of the population 43,090 shows an increase of 750 which was slightly below that for the previous year.

BIRTH RATE:

There were 581 Births compared with 625 in the previous year. The Birth Rate 13.5 is still declining compared with 14.8 in 1969.

DEATH RATE:

372 people died during the year as compared with 395 the previous year but the Death Rate, 8.6 per 1,000 population is again lower than the national average of 11.7.

INFANT MORTALITY:

Seven infants died under one year of age compared with fourteen the year before. The infant Mortality Rate being 12 per 1,000 Live Births compared with eighteen for England & Wales and fifteen for the County.

CANCER:

Death Rates from Cancer per 1,000 population:-

	<u>England & Wales</u>		<u>Cheltenham Rural District Council.</u>	
	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Cancer of the Lung	1.044	0.213	0.7	0.1
Other Cancer	1.610	1.928	0.6	0.9

Fifteen men and three women died from Cancer of the Lung compared with sixteen men and three women the previous year. The local death rate from this cause and all forms of cancer is lower than the national average.

CAUSES OF DEATH:

The causes of death in the following table are classified under the Abbreviated List (B List) of International Statistical Classifications:

		<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
B 4	Enteritis and other Diarrhoeal Diseases	1	---
B 6 (1)	Late effects of Respiratory T.B.	---	1
B 6 (2)	Other Tuberculosis	1	---
B 19 (1)	Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity etc.,	---	1
B 19 (2)	Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	3	---
B 19 (3)	Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	2	1
B 19 (4)	Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	6	6
B 19 (6)	Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	15	3
B 19 (7)	Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	---	10
B 19 (8)	Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	---	1
B 19 (9)	Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	1	---
B 19 (10)	Leukaemia	2	2
B 19 (11)	Other Malignant Neoplasms	10	11
B 21	Diabetes Mellitus	1	1
B 46 (1)	Other Endocrine etc., Diseases	1	---
B 46 (3)	Mental Disorders	---	1
B 46 (4)	Multiple Sclerosis	---	1
B 46 (5)	Other Diseases of Nervous System	2	1
B 26	Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	2	2
B 27	Hypertensive Disease	1	3
B 28	Ischaemic Heart Disease	54	29
B 29	Other Forms of Heart Disease	15	24
B 30	Cerebrovascular Disease	33	26
B 46 (6)	Other Diseases of Circulatory System	9	13
B 31	Influenza	---	2
B 32	Pneumonia	14	12
B 33 (1)	Bronchitis and Emphysema	7	6
B 46 (7)	Other Diseases of Respiratory System	4	---
B 34	Peptic Ulcer	1	---
B 36	Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	---	1
B 46 (8)	Other Diseases of Digestive System	1	4
B 38	Nephritis and Nephrosis	2	1
B 46 (9)	Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	1	1
B 46 (11)	Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	1	1
B 42	Congenital Anomalies	---	3
B 43	Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.	2	1
B 44	Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	2	1
B 45	Symptoms and Ill Defined Conditions	---	2
BE48	All Other Accidents	1	---
BE49	Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	3	2

TOTAL

198

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VITAL STATISTICS. (Continued)

BIRTH, DEATH and INFANTILE MORTALITY RATES in the
DISTRICT FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS.

	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970
<u>Birth Rate</u> (per 1,000 population)	19.3	17.9	16.8	14.8	13.5
<u>Death Rate</u> (per 1,000 population)	9.6	8.4	8.5	9.3	8.6
<u>Infantile Mortality Rate</u> (per 1,000 Live Births - deaths of infants under 1 year)	8.0	17.0	4	22	12
<u>Neonatal Mortality Rate</u> (per 1,000 Live Births) (Deaths of infants under 1 month)	2.7	10	3	14	12

COMPARISON WITH THE BIRTH, DEATH AND INFANTILE MORTALITY
RATES FOR ENGLAND AND WALES ETC. FOR 1970.

	<u>England & Wales</u>	<u>County of Glos.</u>	<u>Cheltenham R. D. C.</u>
<u>Live Birth Rate</u> (per 1,000 population)	16.0	16	13.5
<u>Still Birth Rate</u> (per 1,000 total Live and Still Births)	13	11	5
<u>Infantile Mortality Rate</u> (per 1,000 Live Births - deaths of Infants under 1 year)	18	15	12
<u>Neonatal Mortality Rate</u> (per 1,000 Live Births - deaths of Infants under 1 month)	12	10	12
<u>Perinatal Mortality Rate</u> (per 1,000 Live and Still Births - Still Births and Infants Deaths under one week)	23	---	17
<u>Early Neonatal Mortality Rate</u> (per 1,000 total live births) (Deaths under 1 week of age)	11	8	12
<u>Death Rate</u> (per 1,000 population)	11.7	10.6	8.6

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER
INFECTION AND OTHER DISEASES

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING 1970
(excluding Tuberculosis)

	Under 1 year		1 - 4		5 - 14		15 - 24		25 and over		Age Unknown		Tot M.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	2	1	2	-	-	1	1	-	-	2
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Poliomyelitis, para- lytic, non-paralytic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	4	7	52	55	65	59	1	3	-	1	2	2	124
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meningococcal infection	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Under 5 years		5 - 14		15 - 44		45 - 64		65 and over		Tot M.		Tot M.	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Encephalitis, infectious	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Infective Jaundice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Scarlet Fever:

Seven cases were notified compared with fourteen the previous year.

Diphtheria:

No cases were notified.

Whooping Cough:

No cases were notified.

Measles:

251 cases were notified compared with 25 the previous year.

Vaccination was stopped for a period because of a hold-up in supplies.

Poliomyelitis:

No cases were notified.

Food Poisoning:

No cases were notified.

Dysentery:

No cases were notified.

Infective Jaundice:

No cases were notified.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER
INFECTION AND OTHER DISEASES

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING 1970 (Continued)
(excluding Tuberculosis)

Food Poisoning

(a) Food Poisoning Notifications (Corrected) as Returned to Registrar General.

	<u>1st Quarter</u>	<u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>3rd Quarter</u>	<u>4th Quarter</u>	<u>Total</u>
	---	---	---	---	NIL
(b) CASES OTHERWISE ASCERTAINED;			NIL		
(c) SYMPTOMLESS EXCRETORS:			NIL		
(d) FATAL CASES:			NIL		

Causative Agent	No. of Outbreaks		No. of Cases		Total No. of Cases
	Separate	Family	Notified	Otherwise Ascertained	
clostridium welchii	---	---	---	---	---

IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA

State of protection of children against Diphtheria

Born in year	<u>1970</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1968</u>
Number and percentage of children immunised	15 (3%)	433 (74%)	579 (91%)

VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX

State of protection of children against Smallpox

Born in year	<u>1970</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1968</u>
Number and percentage of children vaccinated	N11(0%)	95 (16%)	286 (45%)

TUBERCULOSIS

NEW CASES

	<u>Children</u> <u>0 - 4 years</u>	<u>5 - 14 years</u>	<u>All persons</u>
Respiratory	---	---	3
Meninges and C.N.S.	---	---	---
Other forms	---	---	---
		<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>3</u>

DEATHS

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Respiratory	---	1
Meninges and C.N.S.	---	---
Other forms	---	---

TUBERCULOSIS REGISTER

The number of cases on the register at 31st December, 1970 was as follows:-

<u>Male</u>	<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Male</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>		<u>Total</u>	<u>All forms</u> <u>Total</u>
	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>		<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>		
42	15	<u>57</u>	---	12	<u>12</u>	<u>69</u>	

Three new cases of Respiratory Tuberculosis were notified during the year, the same as in the previous year.

PUBLIC HEALTH

FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1955

Clean Food and Food Hygiene

Regulations are in force for securing hygienic methods in the handling, wrapping and delivery of food for sale.

Food shops and similar establishments (including vehicles) are inspected regularly to ensure that food is wholesome and that the premises and vehicles comply with requirements.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

Section 47 - Removal to Suitable Premises of Persons
in need of care and attention.

National Assistance (amendment) Act, 1951 - Section 1.

No cases arose during the year where action had to be taken.

Old People's Welfare Committee

The Old People's Welfare Committee continued to operate successfully during the year and proved most useful. The Day Centre is still proving a boon to people who would otherwise be housebound.

Meals on Wheels.

The Meals on Wheels scheme continued to operate during the year and proved a very useful service.

Families at Risk

The "Prevention of Homelessness" Scheme continued to operate and some 76 cases were referred to the County Welfare Officer for inclusion in the Scheme. Supervision of these families was undertaken by the County Council Social Welfare.

GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR HEALTH SERVICES

Laboratory Facilities

Samples of water, milk and ice-cream and pathological specimens are sent for bacteriological analysis to the Public Health Laboratory, Gloucester. The Laboratory is part of the Public Health Laboratory Service of the Department of Health & Social Security, and no charge is made for making use of its services.

Specimens for chemical examinations are submitted to the City Analyst, Bristol or to the County & City Analyst, Worcester.

HOME HELP SERVICE

This Service is administered by the County Council and where essential home help can be supplied to assist the physically or mentally ill, chronically sick, aged and infirm and people suffering from tuberculosis. In addition the Home Help Service provides help for mothers following confinement and cares for children deprived of one or both parents.

A charge is made for this Service.

Appeals for assistance from or further information about the Home Help Service should be directed to:-

Mrs. J. Williams, Area Home Help Organiser, Divisional Health Office, Copt Elm Road, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham. (Telephone No. Cheltenham 25746 and 25747).

Nursing in the Home

The area is under the control of the County Council. Information is available from the Divisional Health Office, Charlton Kings.

CHILD HEALTH CLINICS

Apperley	Last Thursday of Alternate months commencing November, 1971.	+Stanway +Swindon Village Twyning	3rd Friday 2nd and 4th Monday 2nd Thursday alternate months from December, 1971.
Ashchurch Bishop's Cleeve	Alternate Tuesdays Each Wednesday and 1st Thursday(Toddlers)	+Uckington Warden Hill	4th Friday Each Tuesday and 2nd Monday(Toddlers)
+Dumbleton +Gotherington Leckhampton Prestbury The Reddings Shurdington	3rd Friday 1st Wednesday Each Friday Each Tuesday 2nd and 4th Thursday 1st., 3rd and 5th Wednesday(Toddlers)	Winchcombe Witcombe & Bentham +Woodmancote	1st and 3rd Tuesday 1st Tuesday 1st Tuesday

+ MOBILE UNIT

These Clinics are under the administration of the County Council. Nearly all mothers and babies attend. The bulk of the work falls upon the ladies of the local Voluntary Committees and the thanks of the community are due to them for their devotion to this work.

PUBLIC SWIMMING BATHS

Stanton Open Air Pool

This concrete lined pool has a capacity of 70,000 gallons and is situated a few hundred yards to the east of the village. During the summer months it is in constant use, not only by bathers from Stanton and the surrounding villages, but also by visitors to the Gloucestershire Education Authority's Summer Youth Camp, close by.

While the pool is maintained and administered by the Parish Council, the water is supplied by the Water Undertaking. Chlorination is carried out by means of sulphate of ammonia and chloros and the pool is emptied, thoroughly cleansed and re-filled at approximately fortnightly intervals. Samples for bacteriological examination are taken periodically.

WATER SUPPLY

The supply in the district was satisfactory in quantity and quality throughout the year. All the public and some of the private supplies are chlorinated and none of the waters are liable to have plumbo-solvent action.

Samples were taken for bacteriological analysis from public and private supplies.

The table below shows the number of houses served by a public water main direct into the houses. The remainder are served by private supplies the majority being piped direct into the house.

	<u>No. of Houses.</u>	<u>Estimated Population.</u>	<u>No. of houses supplied direct into houses by public water.</u>	<u>Population supplied direct into houses by public water</u>	<u>Population supplied by means of standpipe.</u>
Alderton	243	723	243	723	
Ashchurch	868	3104	867	3101	
Badgeworth	804	2572	784	2508	
Bishop's Cleeve	1978	6683	1978	6683	
Boddington	94	301	94	301	
Buckland	89	263	88	260	
Coberley	86	312	61	232	
Cowley	100	314	100	314	
Deerhurst	195	621	186	592	
Dumbleton*	183	594	169	549	
Elmstone Hardwicke	70	260	70	260	
Gotherington	297	922	292	906	
Great Witcomb	34	108	23	73	
Hawling	51	174	38	132	
Leckhampton	1539	4775	1533	4756	
Leigh	91	285	90	282	
Oxenton	58	172	58	172	
Prescott	27	90	12	42	
Prestbury	1959	6184	1937	6114	
Shurdington	688	2162	675	2120	
Snowhill	64	221	44	157	
Southam	241	707	223	649	
Stanton	104	294	104	294	
Stanway	136	421	117	360	
Staverton	255	716	253	700	
Stoke Orchard	101	323	100	320	
Sudeley	41	152	3	10	
Swindon	373	1238	373	1238	
Teddington	111	332	110	329	2
Toddington	125	423	113	385	
Twyning	332	1059	305	973	
Uckington	120	399	119	396	
Up Hatherley	393	1135	393	1135	
Walton Cardiff	20	63	20	63	
Winchcombe	1484	4574	1459	4494	2
Woodmancote	530	1703	530	1703	
TOTAL	13,884	44,379	13,564	43,326	4

* PART PRIVATE SUPPLIES.

REFUSE COLLECTION

The Surveyor reports that the Council employ seven vehicles on this service. Built up areas, which house approximately two thirds of the population, received a weekly collection, and the remainder a fortnightly collection. Refuse from the North of the district was tipped at Winchcombe and the remainder at the Cheltenham Corporation Tip. The Winchcombe tip reached its capacity and in future all refuse will be disposed of at the Cheltenham Corporation Tip by joint agreement.

The County Council Management Services have prepared an incentive bonus scheme which will be brought into operation in 1971.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The Surveyor reports that during the year the pumps and rising main at Stoke Orchard were replaced. Work was commenced on the provision of sewers at Uckington and Haydon also enlargement of the works at Alderton.

Tenders were invited for the provision of main sewerage at Apperley, Deerhurst.

Preparatory work continued on the following schemes:

Enlargement of Brockhampton Sewage Works and provision of relief sewers for Bishops Cleeve, Woodmancote and Southam.

Provision of sewers and works at Stoke Orchard (including the hamlet Hardwicke).

Provision of sewers to part of Ashchurch, Oxenton and Alstone.

CHELTENHAM RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report by the Chief Public Health Inspector
on the work of the Department for the year 1970

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report of the work of my department and would like to take this opportunity of thanking the Chairman and Members of the Council for the consideration and support extended to me during the year.

In the field of housing a survey of some 700 houses of a doubtful standard was conducted. It was noted that no serious housing problem existed in the type of house where it was thought that one might exist; a large number of houses had been improved to a good standard and there had been a swing over the years to home ownership and this together with a steady flow of applications for improvement grants accounts for the improvement of standards. Every effort is made to draw attention to the advantages to be gained by means of improvement grants.

The public today are very pollution conscious and it is to be hoped that legislation of the future will be more helpful to local authorities; the defence of best practicable means and the Recurring Nuisances Act 1969 do give a measure of control but prevention rather than a make-shift cure should govern future thinking.

I would like to thank all members of the Council's Staff for the close co-operation given throughout the year.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,

F. H. LEWIS

Chief Public Health Inspector.

HOUSING

The number of new dwellings completed in the district during the year totalled 414, of these 390 were erected by private enterprise. The Council completed 24 dwellings and these consisted of 10 at Alderton, 4 at Badgeworth, 2 at Bishop's Cleeve, 2 at Teddington and 6 at Winchcombe.

Taking a figure of 3.2 persons per dwelling, it is estimated that accommodation was provided for a population of approximately 1,324 with consequent increase in the demand for services, such as sewerage and refuse collection.

The Council has continued its activities regarding improvement grants and owners of property are encouraged to make applications and every assistance is given to applicants. There are still many properties in need of improvement and it is hoped that in course of time, the majority, if not all, will take advantage of the benefits of the scheme.

Housing Acts

	Year Ending:	31.12.69	31.12.70
Houses demolished in Clearance Areas, unfit for human habitation	2	Nil	
Houses demolished not in Clearance Areas but as a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 16 or Section 17 (1) Housing Act, 1957	1	2	
Unfit houses closed under Section 16 (4), 17 (1) and 35 (1) Housing Act, 1957, and Section 26 Housing Act, 1961	1	5	
Unfit houses made fit and houses in which defects were remedied:			
After informal action	36	33	
After formal notice under Sections 9 & 16 Housing Act, 1957	2	Nil	
After formal notice under Public Health Acts	Nil	Nil	
After determination of a clearance order	2	Nil	
After determination of a demolition order, under Section 24, Housing Act, 1957	1	3	
After determination of a closing order under Section 27, Housing Act, 1957	3	Nil	
Number of housing inspections or re-visits	188	1,051	
Number of visits in connection with improvement grant enquiries	201	324	

Improvement Grants

Conversions

Applications received (dwellings)	6
Applications Approved - owner/occupied (dwellings)	4
Applications Approved - other (dwellings)	1
Total Amount Approved	£5,191
Grants Paid (No. of Dwellings)	5
Grants Paid - Total Amount	£5,000

Improvements

Applications Received (dwellings)	44
Applications Approved - owner/occupied (dwellings)	37
Applications Approved - other (dwellings)	4
Total Amount Approved	£32,390
Grants Paid (dwellings)	21
Grants Paid - Total Amount	£10,119

HOUSING (Continued)

Standard Grants

Applications Received (dwellings)	16
Applications Approved - owner/occupied - Full Standard (normal limit) (dwellings)	4
Applications Approved - owner/occupied - Full Standard (higher limit) (dwellings)	6
Applications Approved - owner/occupied - Reduced Standard	2
Applications Approved other dwellings - Full Standard (higher limit)	3
Total Amount Approved	£4,293

Standard Grants Paid:

Dwellings	16
Total Amount	£3,762
Amenities Provided:-	
Fixed baths or showers	4
Wash Basins	13
Sinks	2
Hot water supplies at 3 points	10
Hot water supplies at 1 or 2 points	4
Water Closets	6

Higher Limit Grants (included above)

Dwellings	9
Additional Work:-	
No. of bathrooms	8
No. of piped water supplies	1
No. of Septic tank drainage systems	6

Less than Full Standard (included above)

Dwellings	2
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Improvement Grants

There has been a steady increase in the number of applications received and granted and the indications are that this upward trend will continue.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Under this heading has been included the work in connection with milk supply, infectious diseases, water supply, nuisances, disinfestations, tents, vans and sheds, factories and workshops, pollution of streams, inspection of food premises, and sewage disposal, etc.

The following figures show the activities during the year:-

	Year Ending: 31.12.69	31.12.70
Number of complaints received or nuisances discovered	86	113
Nuisances abated	56	56
Complaints not justified	26	48
Informal notices sent	18	30
Statutory Notices served	---	---
Number of premises disinfested	3	13
Number of visits in connection with the above items	362	870
Infectious disease visits	49	40
Number of visits in connection with sewerage survey	302	321
Other Public Health Visits, i.e. Farm drainage, flooding, etc.	350	106

Inspection of Foods

CONDEMNED FOOD

	<u>lbs.</u>	<u>ozs.</u>
Bacon	29	10
Beef	45	0
Cod Fillets	14	0
Pork	10	0
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>10</u>

FOOD CONDEMNED BY REASON OF BREAKDOWN IN REFRIGERATION

	<u>lbs.</u>	<u>ozs.</u>
Beef	70	0
Chicken	64	0
Lamb	131	0
Pork	14	0
Veal	20	0
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>299</u>	<u>0</u>

TOTAL FOOD CONDEMNED:

3 cwts. 2 qrs. 3 lbs. 10 ozs.

Number of visits made to condemn stock:

25

Condemned food is disposed of by burial in lime at the Council's tips.

THE IMPORTED FOOD REGULATIONS, 1968

Examination of Imported Foodstuffs.

The two depots situated in this district continued to receive imported food by containerisation service and 136 visits were made during the course of the year by the Public Health Inspectors to ensure that the regulations were being complied with, and that the food concerned was fit for human consumption. The year showed a marked increase in the amount of food inspected.

The number of consignments examined are as follows:-

		<u>Approximate Total Weights</u>			
		<u>TONS.</u>	<u>CWTS.</u>	<u>QRS.</u>	<u>LBS.</u>
394 consignments:	Irish Butter	6,854	5	2	0
2 consignments:	Blackcurrants	21	0	2	20
2 consignments:	Irish Bacon	1	1	1	20
42 consignments:	Danish Bacon	63	10	0	0
8 consignments:	Ross Frozen Foods (Steakburgers, Beefburgers, etc.)	66	7	2	1½
<u>TOTAL (approx.)</u>		<u>7,006</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>13½</u>

It is to be noted that imports of Boneless Beef have now ceased and the tendency has been for Irish butter to become the predominant import for these depots.

FOOD HYGIENE (General) REGULATIONS, 1960

Food Shops and Catering establishments are inspected to ensure that food is wholesome and to verify compliance with the Acts. The number of premises are as follows:

<u>Trade</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Fitted to comply with</u>	<u>Regulation 19</u>	<u>Fitted to comply with</u>
		<u>Regulation 16</u>	<u>applicable</u>	<u>Regulation 19</u>
Bakers	7	7	7	7
Butchers	13	13	13	13
Cafes	9	9	9	9
Confectioners	13	13	1	1
Fishfriers	2	2	2	2
General Stores	54	54	48	48
Greengrocers	8	8	8	8
Hotels	11	11	11	11
Public Houses	41	41	41	41
Factory Canteens	10	10	10	10
Clubs	13	13	13	13
Wet Fish	1	1	1	1
Tea Rooms	3	3	3	3
Restaurants	2	2	2	2
Hostels	1	1	1	1
	<u>188</u>	<u>188</u>	<u>170</u>	<u>170</u>

Mobile General Stores	2
Mobile Butchers Stores	1
Mobile Greengrocers	2
Informal Notices sent	10

FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1955

During the year 39 visits were made in the course of investigating 7 complaints which were received as to the condition and quality of food purchased by the Public.

In one case it was considered that no action could be taken due to lack of reliable evidence.

Warning letters were sent to offending firms in 5 cases. In one case proceedings were taken against a shopkeeper for selling a mouldy raspberry pie. The defendant pleaded guilty and the magistrates imposed a fine of £20 with £5 5s. Od. costs.

Section 16 (1)

Number of premises registered for the sale and storage of icecream:	102
Number of applications considered and licences issued during the year:	0
Number of premises registered for the preparation of preserved foods intended for sale:	5
Total number of visits in connection with the Food and Drugs Acts:	249

OFFICES, SHOPS and RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

Two new premises were registered during the year and the total number of premises registered is as follows:-

Offices	25
Retail Shops	76
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	6
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	20
Fuel Storage depots	1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>128</u>

The numbers of persons employed in Registered premises at the end of the year comprises:-

Canteens	13
Offices	347
Retail Shops	263
Wholesale departments, warehouses	141
Catering establishments open to the public	118
Fuel Storage depots	6
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>888</u>
<u>TOTAL MALES</u>	<u>495</u>
<u>TOTAL FEMALES</u>	<u>393</u>

Premises inspected throughout the Rural District were again found to generally comply with the Act.

The department continued to deal with minor infringements by verbal notice and in only one case was it found necessary to follow up with a letter, which dealt with the provision of a wash hand basin, repairs to a staircase and decoration.

Occupiers have been reminded as to their responsibilities under the Act for notifying accidents, and only two accidents were recorded during the year. In one case a van driver tripped over poles in an unlit area at his depot during the early hours and artificial lighting was subsequently provided. In the second case a drayman slipped whilst delivering barrels to a public house, and no fault could be found.

It was not found necessary to institute any legal proceedings during the year.

No. of informal notices sent	1
No. of visits	351

THE CARAVAN SITES & CONTROL of DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960.

At the end of the year the number of licenced sites in use totalled 96, covering 835 (including 248 seasonal and holiday) caravans.

Inspections of all sites were carried out during the year and contraventions were dealt with by a letter to the site owners concerned.

Three cases of unauthorised caravans were dealt with and were subsequently removed.

Applications were dealt with as follows:

New Sites	4 relating to 4 caravans
New Sites(seasonal)	1 relating to 2 caravans.
Renewal of site licences	14 relating to 18 caravans.

No. of visits to sites	401
No. of informal notices served	6

FACTORIES ACT, 1961:

<u>Year ending:</u>	<u>31.12.1969</u>	<u>31.12.1970</u>
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Number of visits to factories and outworkers:	64	72
Number of informal notices served:	2	1

See also additional information annexed to this report.

WATER SUPPLIES:

The number of new connections made to the mains during the year as notified by the North West Gloucestershire Water Board totalled: **457**

Number of visits to supplies, etc.	62
Number of samples of private supplies submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for Bacteriological Examination	64
Number of samples submitted for Chemical Examination	1

PETROLEUM(REGULATION)ACTS, 1928 and 1936

Every opportunity has been taken when dealing with alterations to existing installations to bring them to modern standards where this is reasonable and practicable, and I am pleased to report that the standards are improving.

One new filling station was licenced in the year.

Number of informal notices served	28
Number of licences issued to store petroleum	86
Number of visits	210
Number of storage tanks condemned, or taken out of use, and rendered safe	5

PREVENTION of DAMAGE by PESTS ACT, 1949

	<u>Non-</u> <u>Agricultural</u>	<u>Agricultural</u>
1. No. of properties in district	13,883	808
2.(a) Total number of properties(including nearby premises)inspected following notification	250	34
(b) Number infested by Rats	188	29
(c) Number infested by Mice	42	2
3.(a) Total number of properties inspected for Rats and/or Mice for reasons other than notification	134	82
(b) Number infested by Rats	111	78
(c) Number infested by Mice	23	6

Number of visits by Pest Operator: **2,453**

Number of visits by other members
of staff: **83**

TOTAL **2,536**

Treatment of Sewers:

The Council's sewers were test baited and treated as follows:-

<u>Parish:</u>	<u>July Manholes Test Baited</u>	<u>Infested and treated</u>	<u>September/October Manholes Test Baited</u>	<u>Infested and treated</u>
Alderton	4	23	6	-
Ashchurch	-	-	5	-
Badgeworth	-	-	5	-
Bishop's Cleeve	-	-	17	-
Buckland	-	-	3	-
Coberley	-	-	2	-
Cowley	-	-	3	-
Deerhurst	-	-	2	-
Dumbleton	-	-	5	-
Gotherington	-	-	6	-
Leckhampton	-	-	17	-
Prestbury	-	-	17	-
Shurdington	-	-	8	-
Snowshill	-	-	2	-
Southam	-	-	3	-
Stanton	-	-	2	-
Staverton	-	-	4	-
Stoke Orchard	-	-	1	-
Swindon	7	-	6	-
Teddington	-	-	2	-
Toddington	-	-	5	-
Twyning	-	-	4	-
Up Hatherley	-	-	5	-
Winchcombe	11	-	13	-
Woodmancote	-	-	3	-

SUMMARY of VISITS

	<u>Year ending:</u>		
	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1970</u>
Housing Act Inspections	130	188	1051
Improvement Grants	530	201	324

Public Health:

Nuisances, Statutory Notices, etc.	283	362	870
Sewerage Scheme survey	-	302	321
Infectious diseases	6	49	40
Other Public Health Visits(Farm drainage, flooding, etc.)	469	350	106
Imported Food Regulations, 1968	49	68	136
Food & Drugs Acts	184	239	246
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act, 1963	102	234	351
Caravan Sites	456	471	401
Factories Act (Including Outworkers)	224	64	72
Water Supplies	163	39	62
Petroleum Act, 1928 & 1936	254	236	210
Pest Destruction	1922	2490	2536
Miscellaneous visits	361	69	763
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>5133</u>	<u>5362</u>	<u>7489</u>

APPENDIX

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health
in respect of the year 1970 for the Rural District
of Cheltenham in the County of Gloucestershire

Prescribed particulars on the
Administration of the
Factories Act, 1961

Part 1 of the Act

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspectors)

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Inspections (3)	Number of written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(1) Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	-	-	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	92	57	1	-
(3) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	12	12	-	-
TOTAL:	104	69	1	-

2. Cases in which defects were found:

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred to H.M. Inspector (4)	by H.M. Inspector (5)	
Sanitary Conveniences (S7)					
(a) Insufficient	1	1	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-

APPENDIX (Continued)

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Part V111 of the Act

Outwork

(Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of Work	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 133(1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecu- tions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prose- cutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing apparel and alterations	3	-	-	-	-	-

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